

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

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| IN RE: QWEST CORPORATION | DOCKET NO. RPU-01-6 |
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**ORDER GRANTING PETITION TO INTERVENE
AND MOTION TO APPEAR**

(Issued August 14, 2001)

On June 22, 2001, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed proposed prices for certain wholesale services and unbundled network elements (UNEs). In the cover letter accompanying the filing, Qwest states the filing is intended to establish prices for new UNEs that Qwest intends to offer through its Statement of Generally Available Terms and Conditions (SGAT). Qwest states that the proposed rates are for UNEs that were not included in the prior Qwest wholesale cost proceeding, Docket No. RPU-96-9.

To allow the Utilities Board (Board) time to fully consider the proposed increase, the filing was docketed on July 20, 2001, and a procedural schedule was established. Pursuant to that schedule, the deadline for intervening in this docket is August 17, 2001.

On August 2, 2001, Sprint Communications Company, L.P. (Sprint), filed a petition to intervene in this docket. Sprint states it has completed a TCU proceeding to offer local exchange service in Iowa so that Sprint may be issued a certificate to

offer such services upon the filing and approval of its tariffs and maps. Sprint alleges it has a substantial and direct interest in the subject matter of this proceeding.

Sprint also asks that Julie Thomas Bowles, an out-of-state attorney, be permitted to represent Sprint in this proceeding, pursuant to 199 IAC 7.2(7)"e."

Sprint states that Ms. Bowles is a member in good standing of the Bar of the State of Kansas. The request is co-signed by an attorney admitted in Iowa, upon whom service may be made pursuant to Iowa Supreme Court rule 116.

No objection or other response has been filed. In the absence of any objection, the Board will grant the petition to intervene and the request to appear.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The petition to intervene filed by Sprint Communications Company, L.P., on August 2, 2001, is granted.
2. The request for an out-of-state attorney to appear on behalf of Sprint Communications Company, L.P., filed on August 2, 2001, pursuant to 199 IAC 7.2(7)"e," is granted.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Diane Munns

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Acting Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 14th day of August, 2001.